



POWWOW TRAIL SONG & DANCE

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DEMONSTRATION PACKAGE

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Program Overview

This professional Powwow performance is authentic and designed to offer a unique opportunity to witness Powwow culture in a respectful and educational way, while following traditional cultural protocols and respecting those who came before us. The presentation is guided by the traditional leadership of our Elder Advisor and Powwow Emcee, with the help of the Cultural Program Lead.

All Powwows begin with an opening prayer by a Respected Elder, followed by a Grand Entry led by the Powwow Emcee and accompanied by a live drum group that sings for the dancers coming into the arbor. The performance then moves into carefully curated dance demonstrations, during which the Powwow Emcee shares traditional teachings to explain the history, meaning, and background of each style of dance and the significance behind each song.

Cultural Context: What is a Powwow

A powwow is a special gathering to celebrate life through song and dance with our families, friends, and relatives. It is a time for healing, a time to reflect on our traditional values and customs. It is a time to have fun and feel that Powwow spirit. Singers find healing through the Grandfather Drum, and dancers are taught to dance for those who cannot. Elders and children enjoy the experience by watching and feeling that good medicine.

We don't always know what someone is going through; something as small as watching a dancer or hearing a specific song can make someone feel better and change their day. That is the power of the Powwow spirit. By singing and dancing, we show our pride and love for our people, our families, our friends, and our Elders, but most of all, for the children. It is a way to continue practicing our sacred way of life while walking in two worlds.

About Powwow Trail Song & Dance

Guided by Elder Advisors and Powwow Legends, Powwow Trail Song & Dance is a collective of Champion Dancers and Singers who are Traditional Knowledge Keepers carrying a special gift on the Powwow trail. Within every presentation, we deliver an authentic performance rooted in integrity, respect, and a strict adherence to the cultural protocols passed down by our Ancestors.

We specialize in delivering unique, unforgettable cultural experiences that support:

- Respectful Indigenous cultural engagement
- Educational learning environments
- Deep audience connection through lived Powwow knowledge
- Protocol-based performance and traditional storytelling

Service Delivery Overview

Each Powwow presentation may include the following:

- Timeframe: One-hour cultural performance (customizable based on event needs).
- Music: Live Powwow Drum Group.
- Elder Advisor: Opening prayer, Traditional guidance, and cultural support.
- Powwow Emcee: Facilitates the program, sharing Powwow protocols, cultural teachings, and the history behind each dance and song throughout the presentation.
- Grand Entry: Led by the Powwow Emcee and accompanied by a live Drum Group and Dancers. The Cultural Program Lead and Organizations may also invite key sponsors, dignitaries, or leadership to dance/walk in as part of this opening procession.
- Professional Powwow Dancers: Showcasing diverse styles including Jingle Dress, Fancy Shawl, Grass, Fancy Bustle, Prairie Chicken, and Traditional.
- Optional Feature: Hoop Dance component (where applicable).
- Coordination: Full logistics and program delivery support led by the Cultural Program Lead.

Sample Program Structure

Opening

- Welcome by Powwow Emcee
- Opening Prayer by Elder Advisor
- Opening Drum Song

Grand Entry

- Powwow Emcee welcome and guidance
- Live Powwow Drum Group
- Invited participants and Dancers

Powwow Performance

- Curated Dance demonstrations
- Live Singing and Drumming
- Cultural teachings and storytelling shared throughout

Closing

- Closing remarks by Powwow Emcee
- Program completion under protocol

Note: Program structure may be refined in collaboration with the host organization based on event needs and audience experience.

Cultural Protocol & Considerations

Guided by our Elder Advisor and Powwow Emcee, all traditional teachings prioritize cultural integrity, respect, and cultural protocol, including:

- Song and Dance protocols
- Ceremonial roles and responsibilities
- Appropriate engagement with cultural teachings
- Event-specific considerations for audience participation

Onsite Requirements (General)

To ensure a smooth, safe and respectful presentation, host organizations are asked to provide:

Performance Space

- Adequate room and a safe space, level surface suitable for drumming, dancing and Grand Entry.

Audio Requirements

- PA system for a live Drum Group and Powwow Emcee. Requires one wireless microphone, one microphone with a stand, and an on-site audio technician (if available).

Dressing Area

- Private, clean and secure space for performers with seating and access to washrooms.

Hospitality

- Water access throughout the event. Meals and accommodations can be coordinated together as needed.

Types of Engagements We Serve

- Government and institutional events (Federal, Provincial, Municipal, Indigenous Leadership)
- Corporate conferences, galas, and organizational gatherings
- Indigenous community programming
- Public cultural presentations and tourism experiences
- Trade shows, exhibitions, and sporting events
- Private and special engagements

Booking & Coordination

All presentations are subject to availability and confirmed in writing. A formal quote is provided upon request based on scope, timing, and location. Led by the Cultural Program Lead, coordination is tailored to your event while strictly maintaining cultural integrity and Powwow protocol.

What Sets This Experience Apart

- Led by experienced Powwow Singers and Dancers.
- Full presentation including Grand Entry, Elder Advisor, Powwow Emcee, Drum Group, Dancers, and storytelling.
- Designed to provide meaningful cultural learning and audience engagement.
- Rooted in protocol, respect, and lived cultural Powwow knowledge.

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Closing

Powwow Trail Song & Dance respectfully acknowledges the opportunity to share Indigenous knowledge. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with your organization to deliver a culturally grounded, protocol-based, and professionally structured experience.